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THE MOON.

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The moon is so much nearer to us than the other heavenly bodies that we might be expected to learn more about it than we know about them. But 240 000 miles is a long distance, and, according to the best authority, no telescope has been able to give us a better view of the moon than we could have of it with the naked eye if we were 500 miles away. Yet this has enabled us to make very perfect maps of the moon's surface, and to see that it contains neither water nor air. Hence it follows that there is no twilight upon the moon, for that can not exist without air. In the moon the transitions from light to darkness are instantaneous. In every place there is either the intense glare of the direct rays of the sun or the gloom of midnight. Every shadow there is Egyptian darkness.

The most striking peculiarity in the behavior of the moon is that it turns upon its axis in the same time that it revolves about the earth, so that the same face is always towards us. The days of the moon are of about the same length with our months (twenty-nine and one half days). The glare of daylight on the moon continues fifteen days and the gloom of night an equal period. These conditions would render the moon a poor place to live in. For even if there were air and water it is fearful to imagine the change of temperature which would occur during cloudless days and nights of half a month's duration. How hot it must be at noon, when the sun has been shining incessantly for seven days and a half! and hotter still before the sun goes down! And how fearfully cold it must be before morning where the sky is cloudless and the sun does not rise for fifteen days! At night the thermometer would fall two hundred degrees below zero, and during the day rise as many degrees above. The afternoons would be like Nebuchadnezzar's furnace, and the mornings more frigid than the north pole. Indeed, as we shall see a little later, it is difficult for us to believe that either the moon or any other heavenly body is inhabited by beings anything like ourselves. God is doubtless able to provide bodies suitable for intelligent beings in every place and condition, but it is idle for us to speculate concerning things of which we have no knowledge. It is evident that if in the resurrection we inhabit other worlds our bodies must be changed. The glory of the celestial body must be different from that of the terrestrial body.

The moon, like many a writer, shines altogether by borrowed light, and hence the feebleness of its rays. We only see the moon as it reflects the light of the sun. To our moon the earth is an enormous satellite of four times its own apparent diameter, and hence a part of the moon's light is twice reflected,—the rays from the sun to the earth are reflected to the moon, and thence reflected back again to us. The dimness of the "old moon in the new moon's arms" well illustrates how rapidly original thoughts lose their brilliancy when repeated at second hand.

The amount of heat and light received by us from the moon is very small indeed compared with that from the sun. The earth receives upwards of 600.000 times more light from the sun than from the moon; and more than 80,000 times as much heat. Indeed the heat of the moon's rays is so slight that it is almost impossible to detect it even with the most delicate thermometer.

The moon has been credited with doing a great many things both good and bad, of which it is entirely innocent. The moon's rays are too feeble to permit us to suppose that its changes produce either clear or cloudy weather, or that the new moon is a more favorable time for sowing seed and packing meat than the old. Acquaintance with the moon has also dispelled our fear of eclipses. An eclipse is only the effect of a passing shadow. When the moon is eclipsed it is but passing through the shadow of the earth; and when the sun is eclipsed we are simply in the shadow of the moon. Of the effect of the moon upon the tides we will speak in another connection.

We have just received the report of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute for the year ending June 30th, 1880. The school appears to be in a prosperous condition, the demand of applicants for admission still continues, the industrial feature has been made more prominent, greater thoroughness in instruction given and entific studies encouraging. Although in the past we have been led by some ill-advised utterances of Gen. S. C. the prospect for the introduction of sci-Armstrong to condemn much in the course of the institution, we here and now admit that the purpose of the Hampton school—"to create chances for worthy colored youth who could not get them elsewhere, and to diffuse intelligence through the masses of the Negro population rather than to bestow *advanced culture upon* THE FEW, and to build up a noble type of manhood and womanhood, through EDUCATION BY SELF HELP" must commend itself to all true friends of the progress of the race as a work that deserves to *prosper*.

The higher education of the few must be continued and under the most favorable circumstances; but so long as the masses are ignorant and restive under moral restraint, the advance of the few will be attended with greater and greater difficulties.

On this we might enlarge; but right here it must be confessed that the manner in which the cultivated of the race, as a rule, regard the condition of the masses,—manifesting little or no sympathy for them and putting forth little or no effort to ameliorate their condition—has kept from the Negro much of the support and aid which he so sorely needs in the work of his amelioration.

Any work which has for its specific aim the elevation of the masses to a higher plane, will tend eventually to cement the race and prove a stimulant to higher individual attainments.

Address of Miss Brown at the Presentation of Colors to the Washington Cadets.

Honored Sirs, Officers, Gentlemen of Company A Washington Cadets:

In behalf of the Shiloh Sabbath School I have the honor of presenting to you these colors. Not for their worth, but for the interest we feel in you and the noble work in which you are engaged in the purpose for which you have organized yourselves. Being the first to form yourselves into a soldier company may you always be the first in the hearts of your countrymen. And as you have arrayed yourselves against the foreign and domestic enemies, so to speak, who have sought recognition among the populace of America's intelligence, I bid you go forward, make no steps backward, hold up bravely the flag which waves over the home of the brave and the land of the free. We have offered these gifts as an emblem of our heartfelt interest in your co-operation. Accept them more as a token than for their intrinsic value; for if we were wealthy we would give very liberally, and when you gaze upon these colors remember that our ancestors died under their shadows, and that *liberty* and *freedom* brood over the domains of this Nation for which they have long waved.

JOHNSON'S CRIME.

Not wholly unexpected, the verdict rendered in the case of United States against John Silas *alias* Big Foot Johnson is of manslaughter rather than murder. We say not wholly unexpected, because there were so many strenuous efforts put forth during the trial by counsel for defense to establish the insanity of the prisoner, that we doubted not that some of the jurors would be caught in the net so skillfully and ingeniously spread for them; but that there were so few who would contend and insist on the guilt of the prisoner as charged in the first count of the indictment, we were not prepared to believe. The result however, shows that the assistant district attorney was right in manfully and in open court declaring that the time has not arrived in the Capital of the Nation when equal and exact justice can be meted out regardless of the race of the victims or the accused. This is a serious charge to pronounce against the courts of the Capital of a Nation preserved at a cost of millions of treasure and thousands of the flower of the youth and sturdy manhood of the country. Yet it is true.

Fourteen months ago in an unfrequented section of our city, in the early part of the evening a citizen, whose life was in every respect exemplary, was found murdered. Suspicion traced the deed to four young men who were promptly arrested and three convicted of murder on the evidence of the fourth without any corroboration as to the performance of the dastardly act. Yet to such a degree was public sentiment pitched that the verdict met the popular approval, although there was decided belief on the part of some that the charge was "not proven." Nevertheless after the many delays which the law permits, two of them were hanged and the third, in whose behalf special efforts were made, was sent to Albany for life, which sentence was executed, for in a few weeks, over burdened by remorse or at despondency at being made to suffer a crime committed by others, he gave up the ghost and filled a convict's grave.

In this case the party murdered was white, the criminals all colored, the one whose sentence was remitted was nearly white; of the jury seven of the men were colored, the foreman also being a colored man. These are simple but undeniable facts. We leave the philosophy to our readers.

Last April within a few yards of where the murdered Hirth had been in business, a quiet and inoffensive man was killed in sight of eye witnesses, by a man who has figured more than once in the criminal annals of this community. The prisoner was imprisoned and after a delay of *ten months* was arraigned, indicted and and brought to trial. Testimony to the commission of the deadly act was introduced and all sorts of stories brought foward to establish the insanity of the prisoner, one of his counsel inventing a special plea which for its originality would be enough to give its author a place in the French Academy.

The case was given to the jury; after a delay of 24 hours a verdict is brought in—not guilty of murder, but guilty of of manslaughter—a conclusion so outrageous that the officer of the Court could not withhold his indignation.

In this case the murdered man was a Negro, the murderer a white rough, the jury *all* white *gentlemen*.

Much of the stock in trade which the Republican Party has used to success in its recent struggle was the cry of "the unavenged blood" of the South. The failure of ex-rebel Courts to do justice by the Negro or the white republican was cited as a ground for legislation by Congress and for not intrusting the National power in hands which fought against the stars and stripes from Fort Sumter to Appomattox Court House. The Nation has ratified the decree, and now all is tiptoe to welcome with loud huzzas the triumphal march of James A. Garfield from the Old Reserve to be formally installed as the Nation's ruler. While voices are making themselves hoarse in denunciation of appointment of an ex-rebel general to command of a division in the great parade of inauguration day, the example of ex-rebel, unreconstructed Mississippi, the precedent of the Chisholm trial, is followed complacently in the National Capital. Say no longer that Justice is blind, or that it is on this side of the Potomac. The cry of unavenged blood is heard at the Executive Mansion.

The Poor and "Perfection."

The Tallmadge Hall which was given for the benefit of the Poor, was well attended. The concert part of the programme, was only fair, as but one half of the pieces down were sung.

Miss Washington who was to appear in two selections was detained by illness and Capt. W. Kelley was *non est*. The drama, Perfection, was the redeeming feature of the evening. For an amateur performance the ladies and gentlemen did admirably well. Miss Barrier had all the simple mindedness of a maid in waiting, Mr. Baker all the airishness of a valet anxious to promote his love affairs, and Mr. Matthews selected the very character suitable to his nature. To act as a bachelor who, having passed his opportunity for desirable marriage, gouty, and troubled with rheumatic pains, knows how to promote the engagement of his nephew to a rich heiress, was neither difficult of conception nor of performance for him. Miss Alice M. Parke as Katy O'Brien, it is but just to state, very creditably sustained the part of an heiress. Womplishments to test the sincerity of a lovman may simulate to perfection (no pun) deformity and ignorance of accomer but discarding the mask she becomes more natural, and less artistic and dramatic. It was thus with Miss Parke. Mr. Archer as Charles Paragon did remarkably well, and this was the *role* for him. Who but he could act so naturally in scenes similar to those which fall to the lot of many a society man.

On the whole, the concert and drama must be accounted a success, although some one asked us on going out whether it was an entertainment for the poor or a poor entertainment?

The death of Senator Carpenter removes from the theatre of action one of the most brilliant legal minds the Senate has ever possessed. There may be Senators whose devotion to principle may have been stronger: who have shed a steadier light, who are more closely associated with legislation enacted; who possessed more of the stable and staying qualities, as necessary in public as in social life, yet, a more brilliant orator, a more quick witted debater or a more skillful jurist, has not been seen in the United States Senate since the days of Daniel Webster.

Everything is "Inauguration, Fourth of March, Fireworks, Immense crowds, Extra Policemen, Receptions, etc. etc."

Love levels all ranks, but you can't love an onion to level its rank.

"There, that explains where my clothes line went to," exclaimed an Iowa woman, as she found her husband hanging in the stable.

We have heard of some people who say they could live on Music. Then it must be on note-meal.

OUR RAPID GROWTH.

The leading papers, daily and weekly, religious and secular, are now frankly acknowledging their agreable surprise at the steady increase of the colored population South during the last decade. Omitting the State of Texas the returns show that there has been an increase in this population of 1,400,000. When we count the number who have migrated from the Gulf States to Kansas, Indiana and other parts of the North, it is evident, including the increase in Texas, that there are at least one million five hundred and fifty thousand more colored people in the South than were reported ten years ago; in other words, the rate of progress in the last decade is more than thirty-three per cent *greater than the average decennial increase* from 1790 to 1870. We submit the following table which we compile from a very able and exhaustive Statistical View of the colored people of the United States from 1790 to 1850 by the late Dr. J. McCune Smith, published in the *Anglo African Magazine* in 1859:

From 1790 to 1800—32.23	increase per cent.	
" 1800 to 1810—37.58	"	"
" 1810 to 1820—37.58	"	"
" 1820 to 1830—29.33	"	"
" 1830 to 1840—23.4	"	"
" 1840 to 1850—18.60	"	"
" 1850 to 1860—	"	"

These facts are very suggestive; they show, for we have every reason to believe the enumeration of 1870 with regard to the colored people to be as correct as previous enumerations, that the Negro in a condition of personal freedom is as vigorous and even endowed with more vitality than in a period in which occasional importations from Africa and special attention paid to "breeding," were important factors in his increase.

No wonder that the *Tribune* says we are "here to stay;" that the *Independent* declares that we have a permanent foothold in the soil and in the institutions of the land, to live and *grow* upon the one and be developed under the other; that this is not and is not to be the white man's government; but is, and is to be the government of both the races; that neither will or *can* supersede the other; or that the *Cincinnati Commercial* looks forward with pleasing anticipation to the material developement of the race as a necessary consequence of its permanent character. All this is encouraging because it tends to create that healthy public sentiment which is a quarantee of that for which the American Negro ever contends—a free and equal opportunity.

OUR PREMIUMS.

Either "The Library of Universal Knowledge," or "Chamber's Encyclopædia," which are fully described elsewhere, ought certainly to be in the hands of every reader of this paper. No work ever published, except the Bible, should more properly be considered a *necessity* to any person aspiring to even ordinary intelligence, than a cyclopædia. It should be ranked even before a dictionary. Before the days of the "Literary Revolution" encyclopædias were an impossible possession, on account of great cost, to the majority of readears. Ten years ago Chambers could not be had for less than $50 00? Now you can get it for but a fraction of that amount, or without cost in money by terms given below.

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Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscriptions have expired, and unless they promptly renew the paper will be discontinued to their address.

We welcome the *Weekly Review* of New Albany, Ind, to the field and place its name cheerfully on our exchange list. R. Bassett is Business Manager.

We are glad to hear the name of M. R. De Mortie mentioned in connection with the postmastership of Petersburg Virginia. We trust the rumor will prove true.

The people of the Pacific Coast in our opinion could have indorsed no worthier man for official recogniton by President Garfield than Frederick G. Barbadoes. He is capable; he is faithful; he is honest.

There are men in the railway mail service in several of the States, but none in Kentucky. Why is it? Perhaps no applications have been made. These things have to be asked for, and the Good Book says "Ask and ye shall receive." Try it somebody.—Bulletin.

If they don't know how send to us for a Blue Book.

According to the last City Directory, there are in Macon 9,673 colored persons, and 10,619 whites. It will be somewhat of a surprise to Macon to know that her colored citizens pay taxes on $86,550 worth of real estate. In Bibb County, outside of the city limits, they pay taxes on lands to the value of $141,095, which is one-ninth of the entire valuation of farming lands in the country. The valuation of all kinds of property owned by colored people in the whole county, is $225,558. Not a bad record for the people who sixteen years ago begun with nothing.—Helping Hand.

It is stated by parties lately from Washington City that the engagement of Miss Tilghman has created a decided sensation among the colored music people in New York and Washington, and some of her friends will accompany her here. The importance of the occasion has thoroughly aroused our singers, here, and Louisville will undoubtedly do herself full credit on the occasion.—Bulletin.

Get the news away from home.

The periodical reappearance of the Ira Aldridge Dramatic Club to such ludicrous disadvantage at once excites the risibilities; but seriously speaking, it is akin to profanation for the memory of the only great tragedian we have had, to be outraged and dishonored by the mock performances we have witnessed for the last three years at Ford's Opera House, Douglass and Lincoln Halls by the Ira Aldridge Dramatic Association. It is enough to raise the ghost of Aldridge from its last resting place and cause it to haunt and craze the brain of each and every member of this organization. Perhaps this accounts for the wildness and desperation of their acting.

The great pomp with which the inauguration of Mr. Garfield is to be attended means nothing good to a Republican form of government. Such displays are imperial in their nature and design, and tend to drift the popular mind in the channel of Kingly pageantry.

Let Mr. Garfield get on the cars, attended by a private friends, go to Washington, take the oath in a quiet "civilizeb" manner, and dispense with all the hilarity and nonsense that is to be indulged in next week. Down with everything that tends toward anything but a Republican Government.—Huntsville Herald.

Don't worry yourself about the matter Brother Councill, Gen. Hancock was not elected and "don't you forget it." Had the Superb been elected, there would have been no growl from *you* on the matter. Now, would there?

Dr. Boseman was a genial and cultured gentleman, and his almost sudden death is greatly felt by his many friends. The deceased had the honor of being the first colored Postmaster in the United States.—*Rumor.*

Our contemporary is in error. Postmaster Boseman was first appointed in 1873, and fully four years before Mr. C. M. Wilder was appointed postmaster at Columbia, South Carolina, a position which he still holds. This is, we believe the very first appointment of a colored man to an executive position.

Subsequent to the appointment of Mr. Wilder were those of E. Belcher and H. M. Turner to postmasterships at presidential officer in Georgia.

We heartily indorse the call of the convention called to meet at Petersburge, Virginia on the 14th instant. We believe it was a very wise act for the call for the other convention to be withdrawn.

This convention has an opportunity before it which it should not fail to improve. The Funder Democracy by its recent address have shown that they still cling to the issues of the anti-reconstruction era and therefore deserve defeat and they *will be defeated* Had Senator Mahone the choosing of the language of the address it could not have been better suited to his purpose.

There has come to our knowledge a little matter that does not put the people of Isreal Bethel church in a very good light unless further explained.

They sent to parties interested in the matter, requesting that some of the visiting troops might be assigned to them, stating that they would quarter and feed them at a moderate compensation. Their offer was accepted, and the Virginia troops assigned to them, six or eight companies; the people of the church were so notified and expressed their consent and pleasure, to this response to their call. The companies were notified and expressed their satisfaction. But subsequently a party offered the church $300 for the use of it, and the church officers receded from an arrangement of their own solicitation and annoyingly inconvenienced those with whom they had first arranged.—*National Era.*

We are authorized to deny that the church officers receded from this arrangement in manner and form as stated. The fact that the Hill City Guards were quartered there is a sufficient answer to the above. The party who offered the church $300 gave up the idea of obtaining the place on hearing of the death of Fernando Wood.

PERSONAL.

Mr. N. V. Bacchus of our staff wil attend the Petersburge Convention as a representative colored Virginian.

Prof. Joseph E. Jones of the Richmond, Institute, arrived here yesterday and is the guest of his friend Mr. J. W. Cromwell.

W. A. Pledger of the Athens, (Ga.) "Blade," arrived here Tuesday morning and made his headquarters at the Philadelphia House.

P. L. M. Watkins a prominent colored lawyer of Courtland, Alabama, is an applicant for the United States Marshalship of his District.

John Collins esq. of Halifax, N. C. is a candidate for the appointment of Minister to Hayti. He is at present a District Attorney in his State. He is a Norfolk boy and used to be a shoemaker.

Frederick G. Barbadoes is memtioned in highly complimentary terms by the "Elevator" and nominated for official recognition at the hands of President Garfield. It give us pleasure to endorse Mr. Barbadoes as honest, energetic and intelligent gentleman, and one who would do us credit.—Conservator.

H. O. Wagoner, of Denver, Col., in a letter renewing his subscription says:

"Those Astronomical articles and other scientific productions lately found in your paper are admirably calculated to divest your colored readers (of course I mean a certain class) of their fanatically superstitious—aye, traditional ideas."

A. Oscar Jones, late Captain of the Grey Invincibles who participated in the 2nd (Gen. Harrantt's) Division of the procession yesterday was a young man deserving of all commendation for his success in raising the standard of his race as militia men in his native State. After the donning of the soldier's uniform, upon the adoption of the 15th amendment there was a rapid decline, and colored soldiers became a byword of reproach; but Mr. Jones so persisted in his efforts that his company won the admiration of the entire community and the honor shown him by the State Fencibles, one of the oldest and most aristocratic militia organizations of the United States, is an evidence of the esteem in which he was held. There are not a few reminiscences of the career of Captain Alonzo Oscar Jones that are deserving of the widest publication.

PHILADELPHIA.

OBSEQUIES OF CAPTAIN A. OSCAR JONES.

The Funeral of Captain A. O. Jones of the Gray Invincibles N. G. Pa. took place on Sunday 27th inst. and it was very largely attended by the citizens of this city. The Gray Invincibles looked well. There were also deputations of the 1st and 2nd regiment and the State Fencibles N. G. Pa. paid their respects to the late Captain of Gray Invincibles by viewing the remains in fatigue uniform and also contributing beautiful floral offerings. The streets through which the funeral procession passed were thronged with people which showed that the late captain was very much respected.

We sympathise with the Grays in the loss of their captain who was a very energetic man and hope that his place will be filled by one who is competent for the position and command the same respect that Captain A. Oscar Jones received in the militia of Pennsylvania.

Beloved captain rest in peace!

J. D. A.

For Strangers to Visit.

In addition to the many places of interest inviting those visiting the city during the inaugural season there are several not generally known to the public. From among them we mention the following:

First—The museum of the Ordinance Bureau of the War Department, located in the Winder building, on Seventeenth street, opposite the new State, War and Navy Departments, second floor, and the annex, a few doors north, on the same side of the street, where are stored the rebel flags captured during the war, many historic Union flags, the stumps of the old tree cut down by bullets at Spottsylvania, besides a large collection of curious arms, &c.

Second—The house upon Tenth street, between E and F streets, opposite the Army Medical Museum (Ford's old theatre), in which President Lincoln died. The building is easily distinguishable, having a marble tablet let into its front commemorative of the event.

Third—The museum at the navy-yard, located in a small building standing just at the left of the entrance, and which contains many curious relics of the olden times—models of arms of all kinds, of the uniforms worn by that branch of the service nearly a century ago, and other things of general interest.

Fourth—The statue commemorative of emancipation, which stands in Lincoln Park, east of the Capitol, at the head of East Capitol street.

The F street Ninth street cars (by transfer) will take persons wishing to visit it within a short distance of the park.—*Republican.*

A Programme for Sunday.

For the special benefit of the many colored visitors from abroad, who will remain over and purpose to attend services Sunday, we make the following notes:

St. Luke's P. E. Church, cor. 15th and Maddison ave., Rev. Alexander Crummell, D. D. rector, service at 11 a. m. The eloquence of this divine is world-wide.

Fifteenth St. Presbyterian. 15th street opposite the McPherson statue, Rev. F. J. Grimke pastor. The music here is very fine.

At St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, the vesper service at half past four is very attractive, drawing one of the most fashionable and interesting of audiences.

Those who like to look at Mission work among a large class of colored people should by all means visit the Lincoln Mission S. S. at 3½ p. m. corner of 11th and R streets n. w. Largest Sunday School in the city and decidedly the best singing.

Asbury M. E. S. S., has an afternoon choral service from 4 to 5 p. m., in the lecture room of the church corner of 4th and K sts. n. w.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brent, wife of John Brent died on Tuesday night March 1, at 12:30 o'clock after a long and painful affliction at the age of 70 years. She was born in Montgomery county but came to this city when quite young and was united in marriage to John Brent. She became connected with the Methodist church in early life and was one of the founders of John Wesley church and gave it the name it bears. Her affection for the church was great, she devoted much of her time to religious duties in public and private, and nothing was left undone on her part that was necessary to advance the interest of her church. She was also connected with several benevolent societies in the city filling prominent offices with dignity and was always interested in the welfare of those who needed assistance. Eleven years ago she organized a society for the relief of the poor called the sons and daughters of John Wesley in which she was an active worker until stricken down with affliction. She was a devoted wife an affectionate mother and as a friend, she was faithful and immorable in her attachment, but her greatest excellence consisted in her love to Christ and his cause. She leaves a bereaved husband and seven children: Mrs. E. A. Freeman, Martha Bell, Amelia Wormley, Rebecca Wright and William, John and Calvin Brent, also four surviving sisters and four brothers.

Her funeral will take place Sunday morning 6th inst. at 11 o'clock.

Well Said.

There is an immense unspent force in the black race. They have just come upon the stage of civilization. To make a vigorous race there must be brawn as well as brain, a physical stamina, animal vigor, and in this respect the black race is the youngest on the globe. Then, too, their mental growth has just begun, and it has a world of its own to create, in law and letters as well as in social economy.—*Gate City Press.*

"MADE NEW AGAIN"

ST. CATHARINES, Ont.

V. Pierce, M. D.:

I have used your Favorite Prescription, Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant Purgative Pellets, for the last three months and find myself—(what shall I say)—"*made new again,*" are the only words that express it. I was reduced to a skeleton, could not walk across the floor without fainting, and keep nothing in the shape of food on my stomach. Myself and friends had given up all hope, my immediate death seemed certain. I can never be too thankful to those who recommended your medicines, for I now live (to the surprise of everybody) and am able to do my own work. I desire to make this statement in order that those suffering may not despair until they have given your remedies a trial.

Yours resp'y,

Mrs. Wm. D. Ryckman.

A Progressive Artist.

Prof. S. S. Brooks of 218 6th street is deservingly classed among the business men of this city. We had an opportunity visiting his parlors on business recently, and we never saw more discipline in any establishment than we saw in *his*. Everything seemed to have been place, and a new and progressive feature is prominent to the gaze. As early as a person enters the door, that of a toilet stand, free to the use of patrons of his popular establishment. The Professor has also furnished that spacious room adjoining the Inauguration Ball room for tonsorial purposes, and we bespeak for him much success. In this enterprise boquets are to be given to each person waited on in his Inauguration Barber Shop.

Go ahead Professor you are up to the times.

G. U. O. of O. F.

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S. C. M.

The S. C. M. met on Monday 21st inst. at the residence of the G. Secy. present, G. M. Forrester, G. T. Curtis, G. S. Bowser. The usual business of the month was transacted, several applications for opening Lodges were referred tothe several district lodges.

The most important business transacted was a granting of a warrant to the Kingston Lodge, Jamaica, W. I. to open a lodge at British Honduras, (which is a further extension of our Order.) After other non-important business was transacted the meeting adjourned.

F. L. T.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, have now a brother organization under the title of the independent Order of Odd Fellows. This body is a part and parcel of the White Odd Fellows and will fellowship with their pale faced brethren. There are three lodges of the Independents in this state, these will hold a Grand Session next September. The grand officers are: James A. Pettiford, G. M., Frederick T. Harvey, D. G. M.; John R. D. Howard, G. W.; Alexander Broady, G. T., and Henry McAllister, G. S.—*Conservator.*

We trust that this is a part and parcel of the Independent Order, but we doubt it. If it were what necessity for these three colored lodges to hold a special Grand Session when the Independent Order has a Grand Lodge in the same jurisdiction?

NEW YORK CITY.

An event of extraordinary interest in society and mystic circles, was the combination reception given on Wednesday evening, Feb. 16th, at Wendell's Assembly Rooms, 44th street, by Terry Lodge 900, Hamilton Lodge 710, San Manuel 1794, and Cedar of Lebanon, 1864. As early as 9 o'clock the guest of the several lodges began arriving in great number and it soom became evident that the entertainment would be a success. By 11 o'clock the large hall was comfortably crowded and it was with difficulty that the exhibition drill of the different lodges that took place at that hour could be successfully accomplished. The various marches and counter marches were executed in fine style and under the generalship of Jas. H. Lewis, Esq., who fully sustained his reputation is this direction. The hall was very tastefully decorated with streamers and banners. The scene was a perfect panorama, the elegant toilets of the ladies, the semi-military costumes of the members of several lodges, combined with the more sober regulation swallow tail coat of the civic gentlemen present, produced an effect both bewildering and pleasant to the beholder. After the drill, dancing was inaugurated and kept up till an early hour in the morning. The only regretful feature of the evening was the poor music furnished by Prof. Craig, an improvement on which we trust will be made in the future.—*Rumor.*

OBITUARY.

BRENT.—Died March 2nd at 12.30 o'clock a. m., our beloved mother, Elizabeth Brent, wife of John Brent in the 70th year of her age. After a long and painful illness borne with christian fortitude. The funeral will take place from John Wesley church (Conn. ave.) Sunday the 6th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m.

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—That "That," that came off at Lincoln Hall on last Friday night, was just as we expected.

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—The entertainment given at Bethel Hall last week, will be mentioned in our next.

—The small attendance at Bethel Hall Monday night is another evidence that any attempt to get up successful entertainments without persistent advertising or even selling tickets is likely to prove a failure.

—Hon. James W. Pope, of Boston, arrived last Monday and is the guest of W. C. Costin 933 23rd st. n. w.

—Hon. John R. Lynch of Mississippi arrived here Wednesday and is stopping with his old friend, Rev. C. W. Fitzhugh.

—Miss C. Eddie of Philadelphia is in the city, the guest of Dr. Alex. Crummell.

—R. S. Smith entertained a number of friends at dinner, among whom were Hon. G. W. Witherspoon of Florida, and Hon. J. W. Pope of Massachusetts, at 815 Q st. n. w., last Wednesday evening.

—Miss L. C. Wimbish, a graduate of Atlanta University, arrived here Wednesday. She is a guest at Mrs. J. T. Layton, 1130 19th street. n. w.

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Howard Medical College.

The Medical Department of Howard University held its eleventh annual commencement Wednesday evening in Lincoln Hall before a large audience. Mr. Furman J. Shadd delivered the valedictory. He was heartily applauded when his name was announced, and at frequent intervals during the delivery. His speech was simply a masterpiece, though his gestures at times were a little awkward. There were 12 members in the graduating class, but Mr. Shadd was the only one of color. Judge Arthur McArthur delivered a most excellent address.

—Hon. James T. Rapier of Ala., R. B. Elliott and lady, Prof. and Chas. L. Reason of New York, at Dr. Augusta, Mrs George Mitchell of New Bedford, at Mrs. C. C. McKenney, Mrs. Elbert at Miss Briggs; Mr. Peter F. Baltimore of Troy, New York, J. Mortimer Ratcliffe of Boston, at Murray's on 16th Street, the guests of W. Archer and W. E. Matthews esqu'rs. Andrew F. Hill at the same place. Mrs. Prince Saunders and daughter at Mrs. Tilghmans on M Street. Miss Hennie Edwards of Philadelphia at Mrs. M. E. Tucker, 413 B street s. e.

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—The sudden death of Emmett J. Burrell, after a brief illness is a shock to his many friends and relatives to whom he was endeared by so many genial qualities. The deceased was a native of the city of Richmond, Virginia, and a member of the Social Lodge of *Masons*. Funeral takes place Sunday at 2 p. m.

—John Wesley Zion A. *M.* E. church corner Conn. ave. bet. L and *M* streets, Rev. *M.* H. Ross, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m., preaching at 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School Concert at 3 o'clock at which time addresses will be delivered by *Major Morgan*, John T. Johnson and others. The public is cordially invited.

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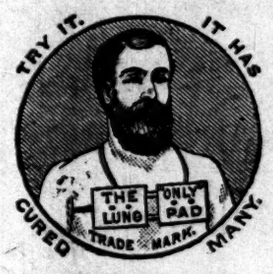
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